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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, EG

SUBJ: MASS ARREST OF "DANGEROUS ELEMENTS"

1. CAIRO PRESS HAS BEEN REPORTING LARGE NUMBERS OF ARREST OF "DANGEROUS ELEMENTS". AKHBAR AUGUST 26 REPORTED ALEXANDRIA POLICE DETAINED 4500 "FUGITIVES" IN TWO DAY CAMPAIGN TO ROUND UP CRIMINALS. AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA AUGUST 29 SAID CAMPAIGN BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AGAINST THESE ELEMENTS HAS RESULTED IN ARREST OF 7671. IN EARLIER REPORTING NEWSPAPERS GAVE ROUGH BREAKDOWN OF ARRESTS WHICH ARE CHIEFLY CASES OF LARCENY, DESERTORS AND "DODGERS OF SURVEILLANCE" (314), OFFENDERS AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS (E. G. HASHISH USE) AND OTHER MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES.

2.

COMMENT: PARENTLY THESE ARRESTS ARE NOT PLITICAL IN NATURE AND DO, IN FACT, REPRESENT A CRACKDOWN ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE TOLD US THAT AMONG THOSE DETAINED RECENTLY ARE A SINGER AND A POET WHO ENTERTAIN AT PRIVATE

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PARTIES AND HAVE RECENTLY BEEN FAVORING THEIR AUDIENCES WITH ORIGINAL SARCASTIC WORKS WHICH ATTACK THE GOE ON SUCH ISSUES

OF THE HOUR AS THE SUPPLY CRISIS AND SPIRALLING INFLATION.

3. IN OCTOBER 1973 AND AGAIN ON JULY 23,  
1974

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PARDONS WERE GRANTED TO SEVERAL THOUSAND "NON-POLITICAL"  
PRISONERS. WE HAVE HEARD SUGGESTIONS FROM SENIOR EGYPTIAN  
OFFICIALS THAT MANY OF THOSE NOW ARRESTED ARE PERSONS WHO  
WERE SO PARDONED AND WHO, UPON RELEASE,  
QUICKLY REVERTED TO  
THEIR EARLIER ILLEGAL PURSUITS. WE HAVE NO WAY OF VERIFYING  
VALIDITY OF SUCH CHARGES, WHICH MAY BE PROMPTED IN PART BY  
CAIRENES FLUSTRATION WITH RECENT APPARENT INCREASE IN  
LOCAL CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS.  
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